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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FISHERY INVESTMENTS IN ALASKA

1. THE ECONOMIC AND MARKETING RESEARCH DIVISION (EMRD), NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA, COMMERCE, IS PREPARING A REPORT ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES FISHING INDUSTRY FOR THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DIBA), DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THIS REPORT WILL BE PART OF A LARGER ONE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY DIBA LATER THIS YEAR.

2. IN THE EMRD REPORT, THE FIGURES ON INVESTMENTS OF JAPANESE FISHING AND TRADING COMPANIES IN ALASKA ARE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE (RFA) IN TOKYO. RFA SENT THE OFFICE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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VESTMENTS IN JULY 1975. THE DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES ANALYSIS COMPARED SUBMITTED DATA WITH THOSE AVAILABLE TO EMRD AND FOUND SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES. BEFORE EMRD SUBMITS ITS REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE SUBMITTED FIGURES CHECKED ONCE AGAIN TO DISPELL ALL DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR ACCURACY.

3. MOST JAPANESE TRADING AND FISHING COMPANIES PUBLISH OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS IN THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS. UNFORTUNATELY NMFS ONLY HAS THE 1974 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR TAIYO AND KYOKUYO. COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S HELP IN SCANNING THE MOST RECENT JAPANESE LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COMPANIES LISTED BELOW TO CHECK DATA ON THEIR INVESTMENTS IN ALASKA.

NICHIRO GYOGYO	NIPPON SUISAN
TAIYO GYOGYO	MITSUI
MARUBENI	HOKOKU
MITSUBISHI	HOKUYO SUISAN
KYODO KUMIAI BOEKI	C. ITOH
KYOKUYO	KANEMATSU-GOSHO

4. THE CORRECTED LIST OF JAPANESE FISHERY INVESTMENTS IN ALASKA, THE DRAFT OF EMRD REPORT, AND THE PERTINENT PAGES OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF TAIYO AND KYOKUYO HAVE BEEN SENT RFA BY APO MAIL ON OCTOBER 3. KISSINGER

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